

Page 27 (of the 38 page amended specification filed August 8, 2001), please replace the paragraph starting at line 3 and ending at line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Subsequently, the aforementioned solution A was added drop by drop over a period of 40 minutes to an aqueous solution of the ingredients shown above, after which this mixture was stirred for 3 hours. The precipitated reaction product was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried at 100°C, to yield 62.0 g of 1-(5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl) azo-2-hydroxynaphthalene (monoazo dye).

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite claims 1-6 and 22-25 as claims 26-55 as follows:

26. (NEW) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%.

27. (NEW) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition of claim 26 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):